IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 044499-0275

Applicant: Akihiko NAKAMURA, et. al.

Title: SERVICE PROVIDING APPARATUS, SERVICE PROVIDING

PROGRAM, COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM,

SERVICE PROVIDING METHOD, AND KEY UNIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: